

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 11
(MC2013-1)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-1

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 19, 2015)

I. INTRODUCTION

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire October 23, 2015.¹ On October 15, 2015, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief seeking to extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement by 60 days.²

The Postal Service states that despite working collaboratively with the customer to reach a new agreement in which the customer would renew its commitment to sending large volumes of Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail for the next year at

¹ Docket Nos. MC2013-1 and CP2013-1, Order No. 1509, Order Adding Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 11 to the Competitive Product List, October 22, 2012, at 5.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, October 15, 2015, at 1 (Motion).

negotiated rates, it is unable to formulate an appropriate pricing proposal for a successor contract because of the customer's technical difficulties in pulling package level detail from their systems. *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service claims the customer's technical difficulties threaten to interrupt the Existing Agreement's rates. *Id.* at 1. According to the Motion, both parties would like to extend the existing agreement until the technical difficulties retrieving the data are resolved so the Postal Service may formulate an appropriate pricing proposal. *Id.* at 2-3. The Postal Service requests the Commission approve a brief extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect and on the Mail Classification Schedule through December 18, 2015. *See id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is modified to continue through December 18, 2015, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first. Temporary relief is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed October 15, 2015, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement will expire on December 18, 2015, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary